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SUBJ: CHINESE ATTENDANCE AT ARKHANGUELSKY FAREWELL

1. FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
ARKHANGUELSKY NOVEMBER 29 WAS ATTENDED BY VICE MINISTER
OF FOREIGN TRADE WANG JUN-SHENG, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE
CCPIT HSIAO FANG-CHOU, AND DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGERS OF
AT LEAST FOUR PRC FOREIGN TRADE CORPORATIONS AND PROBABLY
THE REMAINDER. TURNOUT FROM SECTION II OF THE MINISTRY
OR FOREIGN TRADE WAS GOOD, AND CHINESE ATTENDANCE WAS
LARGER THAN AT ANY SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATION FUNCTION
IN COLLECTIVE FOREIGN MEMORY HERE.

2. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH ARKHANGUELSKY AND HIS SUCCESSOR
ZAITSEV (AS WELL AS PRC TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN MOSCOW)
ARE THEORETICALLY OF VICE MINISTER RANK, PRC
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE HAS NOT BEEN SO
PUNCTILIOUS ABOUT ATTENDING SOVIET FUNCTIONS IN THE RECENT PAST.
PRC VICE MINISTERS DO NOT NORMALLY ATTEND FAREWELLS FOR DEPARTING
COMMERCIAL COUNSELLORS AND THIS TIME THERE WAS NOT THE EXCUSE OF
AN UNUSUALLY SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY, AS WAS THE CASE WHEN
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FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA ATTENDED THE SOVIET EMBASSY CELEBRATION
OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION.
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